BROX COMMUNITY LAND NEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING December 5, 2013 – Meeting Minutes Town Hall, Office of Community Development Meeting Room, 6:30 PM

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Tom Sloan (PB), Audrey Fraizer (Conservation Commission), Justin Wisbey (MCAA Fields Committee), Dan Ayotte (MCAA Fields Committee), Rick Riendeau (DPW), Jerry Guthrie, Tim Finan (Board of Selectmen).

Suzanne Fournier, Coordinator, Brox Environmental Citizens; Tom Gardner, Brox Environmental Citizens

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nicole Banks

STAFF: Bill Parker, Comm. Dev. Director; Jodie Levandowski, Town Planner

Agenda Item 1.

The Committee welcomed Chairman, Tim Finan on board and T. Finan called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Agenda Item 2.

The committee approved the minutes from the November 21 meeting with one correction noted by S. Fournier in regards to DPW and the proximity to salt for winter road maintenance.

Agenda Item 3.

S. Fournier, coordinator of the Brox Environmental Citizens presented materials to the committee dated December 2, 2013. S. Fournier reviewed the materials with the committee and entertained questions from members.

Bill Parker reviewed the Brox Community Lands 2014 Conceptual Plan chart with the committee. Audrey Frazier noted one correction to line 9. The x located under year 2035 for Conservation Commission and Open Space should be moved to line 8 for the School District.

The Committee reviewed input from Emergency Services and DPW. Emergency Services stated they would like 5 acres along the south side of Heron Pond Road at Whitten Road. R. Riendeau stated DPW would like 3 acres minimum, adjacent to Emergency Services for future garage.

A lengthy discussion ensued on recreation and schools. Is was stated that the future need for school land is undetermined based on population growth and declining enrollments but the District would like to keep existing designated acreage (29 acres buildable). Discussion followed on population projections and current occupancy levels of schools.

Discussion on the possible joint use of recreation fields and facilities with school and MCAA. The Committee engaged in much discussion about adjusting the layout of Heron Pond Road northerly. The adjustment of the road would create a conservation area towards wetlands and more land for temporary school/recreation use south of the road. S.

Fournier noted that a vernal pool was located in the area north of Heron Pond Road along the wetlands.

The committee reviewed cemetery needs. R. Riendeau felt that future cemetery land should be designated. However, they won't need the two planned locations of 16 plus acres already set aside.

Much discussion ensued on the layout and quantity of fields needed. After much spirited discussion, Jerry Guthrie accepted the task of preparing conceptual plans based on feedback thus far. Community Development to provide aerials and topographic information for Jerry.

A time for a site walk was determined amongst the group. A site walk will be held on Sunday December 15, 2013 at the Brox Community Lands. The group will meet at the end of Heron Pond Road.

A time for the next committee meeting was determined amongst the group. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2013, location to be determined at 6:30 p.m. The committee will regroup to review conceptual plans as prepared by J. Guthrie and brainstorm locations and ideas.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m.

MINUTES with minor corrections approved unanimously upon a motion by Dan Ayotte, seconded by Audrey Fraizer, January 6, 2014.